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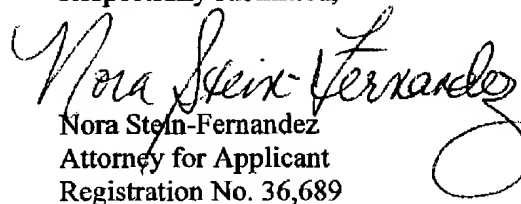
This Amendment is made in response to the Official Action mailed January 15, 2004. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. Claims 1, 15 and 16 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, and 14- 17 remain pending in this application. Applicant urges that the amendments to the claims place this application into condition for allowance, or in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments, and further, in view of the following remarks.

Preliminarily, Applicant notes that the arguments presented in the previous Amendment filed November 6, 2003, have been deemed persuasive, and the rejections made by the Examiner have been withdrawn. Therefore, the only remaining issues in this application relate to a rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for various reasons of indefiniteness.

Claims 1, 15 and 16 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. Therefore, Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, is requested.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, and 14- 17, and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

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